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A tragic event occurred in Covington, Ky., on Monday, the particulars of which we copy from the Cincinnati Enquirer, of yesterday, as follows:

As Col. R. B. Carpenter was standing outside of the post office, yesterday morning at a little past 8 o'clock, Mr. P. T. Perkins, the proprietor of the Cincinnati and Covington line of omnibuses, approached, and, without uttering a word, drew a revolver and fired, the first ball striking his neck just below the chin, and passed through the throat, lodged near the surface of the skin below the left ear; the second struck near the navel, but its force was arrested by a watch which was in the belt, and only a small flesh wound was inflicted; the third ball missed entirely.

Mr. Carpenter was conveyed to the office of Dr. Blackburn, when Professor Evans was sent for, who extracted the ball. Mr. C., however, is in a precarious situation, and up to a late hour but little hope was entertained of his recovery. He appears perfectly sensible of what is going on, but from the nature of the wound is unable to speak.

Mr. Perkins gave himself voluntarily into custody, and an examination was held yesterday afternoon, at two o'clock, when the large room of the City Hall was crowded.

After a preliminary examination, the Court ordered that the defendant be held in \$12,000 bail, to appear at the March term of the circuit Court, to answer.

The cause of this melancholy affair is said to be occasioned by some scandalous report propagated respecting the lady of Mr. Perkins. The latter gentleman, however, is said by his friend never to have uttered a disrespectful word concerning the lady.

Col. Carpenter is well known as the able prosecutor in the Ward case.

Mr. Carpenter at last advice lay in a very critical situation. Mr. C. is a lawyer, and particularly distinguished himself in the famous Ward case, where he was successful in securing a return to the cause of the State. If he survives, it will be with the less of his voice. Mr. Perkins is a very respectable man, and the cause of the affair is said to have been improper overtures made by Carpenter to the wife of Perkins. The difficulty is of long standing.

Palmerston and Napoleon—Prospects of a European War—Cuba Growing Cheaper.

[From the Washington Star, Dec. 11.]

Most important information from Europe. The Union's mails brought a letter from a distinguished Frenchman to a gentleman in this city, from which we make the following extract, promising it with the assurance that the writer's position and means of knowing the secrets of state affairs in Paris are equal to those of any man in that capital:

Paris, Nov. 10.

"Lord Palmerston and Louis Napoleon have been almost inseparable since the former alighted at the Hotel Windsor, and the latter returned to Paris, in a decision to unflinchingly defend the Polish, Hungarian and Italian nationalities, if Prussia and Austria hesitate longer to declare unequivocally against the Czar. The probability is, that neither the one nor the other will consent to do this, in which case all Europe will be in arms before spring.

"As relates to the American continent, you may be assured that France and England have no intention whatever of attempting to regulate the balance of power there. It would be a blessing to pay if you would purchase Cuba, and cash for it a far consideration in cash. All the money in your sub-treasury will be needed on the continent before the restoration of peace. If Spain will not sell, she will find no sympathy on this side of the Atlantic in the existing state of affairs, if you be driven by necessity to take possession of the island. Whatever you may hear to the contrary, America is strongly overvalued strong in the eyes of Europe, and will be the object of that than the revocation of the order for Mr. Soule's expulsion? The Emperor never revoked an order before. Never did the rising sun of liberty in the western hemisphere shine so brightly upon the eastern one as at present."

Additional Particulars of the Terrible Gale in the Black Sea.

Thirty-two English transports were lost in the hurricane of the 14th inst. The Prince and the Sea Nymphe, founded with all on board. Three mail steamers have been stranded. The Sanspareil was driven ashore, on fire from her machinery. The Britannia had five feet of water in her hold. The Agamemnon was stranded, but not damaged. The Samson's machinery is damaged. The Retribution was saved by throwing her guns overboard. The Terrible has also escaped. The Henry the Fourth and Pluto are both lost.

The Russian answer to the Prussian note expounding the views of the Emperor to treat on the following terms: 1. A common guarantee by the five Powers of the rights of the Christian subjects of the Porte, without distinction as to profession. 2. A common Protection of the Principality of the Danube, and the three Powers on the terms of the treaty of 1841. 4. The free navigation of the Danube.

Announcement.—The County Treasurer informs us that the Banks of this county have procured injunctions from Judge McLean, of the United States Supreme Court, restraining him from collecting the tax assessed against them. The amount is over \$9,000. Other banks through the State are also restrained of the same tribunal to evade the law of the State.—Steubenville Union.

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Rumors adverse to the Farmers and Citizens' Bank of Williamsburgh were in circulation this afternoon. The bill holders are understood to be amply secured.

Yesterday and to-day there has been quite a run on the Savings Banks. The Chambers street institution paid about \$60,000 in gold, and nearly the same to-day. If it not thought any are seriously affected.

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